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REFERENCE	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INFORMATION ATTACHED
DE 4318089 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 19720930 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 19725768 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 19826350 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 19905163 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 19921236 A1	U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,238 B1 is a counterpart
DE 19922310 A1	An English-language abstract is attached
DE 10144925 A1	U.S. Application No. 2004/0065093 A1 is a counterpart
DE 10251668 A1	WO 2004/040974 A2 is a counterpart of DE 10251668 A1 having an English-language abstract on its cover page
EP 0853238 A1	U.S. Application No. 2002/0108957 A1 is a counterpart
EP 0804073 B1	U.S. Patent No. 5,925,511 is a counterpart

Respectfully submitted,

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